Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Scarcity of water in Trichur during summer presented a problem. It was thought desirable to try boring operations for its solution. The site in question definitely showed features which were favourable for successful boring. It was, therefore, thought advisable to exploit it so as to get a knowledge of the sub-soil water in the town.

(b) Mr. K. Narayana Pisharodi.

(c) The existence of a site under the control of the Government which is equally or more suitable than the one in question is not known.

(d) The owner to pay the cost of boring operations.

58 **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the conditions under which boring operations are done with the Government boring machine in Mr. Kattur Krishna Pisharodi's compound near Naicknal, Trichur, and what amount has the Government hitherto spent under various items of expenditure for the same?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Conditions :—

(1) The actual working expenses to be borne by the owner of the house.

(2) The services of the plant and of the machines to be given free by the Government.

In respect of item (1) the expenditure amounts to Rs. 569-7-5.

In respect of item (2) the Government had not to incur any additional expenditure, since the staff consisted only of full-timed officers. This was, nevertheless, a concession granted by the Government, as it was thought that the knowledge gained from the boring operations on the characteristics of the sub soil water in Trichur would justify it. There was no known well or tank or place in Trichur Town which presented prospects for a successful boring as the place in question.

Water stored for Kole cultivation.

59. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) (i) the names of the various centres where water was kept in storage for *kole* cultivation in the year 1102 at Government expense;

(ii) the amount spent at each centre;

(b) what was the report submitted by the responsible officials of each centre about the feasibility or otherwise of the water storage scheme?

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